

Amendment to the claims:

1-7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) A method of treating hypertriglyceridemia in a patient in need of such treatment, said method comprising administering to said patient a therapeutically effective amount of a composition comprising a mixture of fatty acyl compounds, said fatty acyl compound mixture having a polyunsaturated fatty acid content of at least 65 weight percent and including linoleic acid in an amount from about 10 to about 35 weight percent, γ -linolenic acid in an amount from about 5 to about 50 weight percent, α -linolenic acid in an amount from about 15 to about 60 weight percent and stearidonic acid in an amount from about 15 to about 55 weight percent, said amounts being based on the total weight of the polyunsaturated fatty acid content of ~~in~~ said mixture, optionally, in combination with at least one therapeutic agent selected from the group of antilipemic agents, antioxidants and antidiabetic agents.

9. (original) A method according to claim 8, wherein said composition is administered in an amount which delivers from about 0.04 to about 0.35 grams of said fatty acyl compound mixture per kilogram of patient body weight per day.

10. (original) A method according to claim 8, wherein said composition is administered orally.

11. (original) A method as claimed in claim 8, wherein said composition is administered as a single dose.

12. (original) A method according to claim 8, wherein said single dose comprises Echium oil.

13. (original) A method according to claim 12, wherein said composition is administered in an amount which delivers about 15 grams of Echium oil per day.

14. (currently amended) A ~~composition~~method as claimed in claim 12, wherein the polyunsaturated fraction of said Echium oil is concentrated